

I am depending on the FCC to stop the planned broadcast of an anti-Kerry documentary in the last weeks before the election. Only you can do for all citizens what must be done. We are helpless without your intervention. It is clear that this film is a smear and that it has been financed by friends of the Bush family. I beg you to insist that the airwaves are for real debate between the candidates, not for lies and propaganda.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.